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A.—(a) & (b) There is at present no tiffin room for the Secretariat staff. A room in the ground floor of the Secretariat buildings measuring about 20 feet by 10 feet has been placed at the disposal of a caterer for the purpose of serving light refreshments to the staff.

(c), (d) & (e) There are 336 superintendents and clerks in the Secretariat. A scheme for the extension of the Secretariat buildings is under consideration. The scheme includes the provision of adequate tiffin room accommodation for the Secretariat staff.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—“ Sir, may I enquire since what date this tiffin room has been existing ? ”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—“ I must ask for notice.”

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—“ Is that accommodation of 20 feet by 10 feet found sufficient for the caterer to serve tiffin to 350 people ? ”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—“ As is already stated in the answer, there is a scheme for provision of additional accommodation.”

Depressed Classes

Alleged cheating of the depressed classes in Guntur and Nellore districts.

* 228 Q.—Mr. G. PREMAYYA : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) how many were punished in Guntur and Nellore districts for deceiving the depressed and backward classes by taking bribes from the year 1923 to 1927 ;

(b) how many cases are still pending with the Revenue and Police departments in Guntur district ; and

(c) if any, in what stage they are ?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The Government have no information.

Alleged grievances of Adi-Andhras in Machavaram.

* 229 Q.—Mr. G. PREMAYYA : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware of the quarrel among the Adi-Andhras over a well in Machavaram, Bapatla taluk, Guntur district ;

(b) whether the Government sanctioned a fresh water well for the Adi-Andhras of Machavaram ;

(c) whether the Labour Tahsildar of Guntur gave permission to sink a salt water well instead of a fresh water one in the said village ;

(d) whether the members of the depressed classes have sent appeals to the Government about their grievances ; and

(e) whether the Government have redressed their grievances and if not, at what stage the matter is at present ?

A.—(a) The Government have no information.

(b) No. The Commissioner of Labour sanctions the construction of wells in the districts.

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- (c) The Government have no information.
- (d) No such appeals have been received.
- (e) Does not arise.

Mr. G. PREMAYYA :—“ With reference to the answer to clause (d), may I know whether the Government are aware that telegrams after telegrams were sent to the Collector and the Labour Commissioner and will the hon. the Home Member call for the information ? ”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—“ Yes, Sir; I shall call for the information.”

Emigration

Mappillas taken to Andamans.

* 230 Q.—MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

- (a) the number of Mappillas recently taken to the Andamans;
- (b) how many of them are prisoners; and
- (c) how many of them are the wives and children of the prisoners, how many their other relations and dependants, and how many of these are above the age of 50 and how many below the age of ten?

A.—(a) 399.

(b) 15.

(c) The total number of members of families of convicts sent to Andamans consisted of 40 men, 152 women and 192 children. The Government have no information in regard to the other particulars called for.

MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur :—“ With reference to the answer to clause (c), will the hon. the Member be pleased to say whether among the relations of prisoners there are many who are above the age of 50 ? ”

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—“ We have no information on the subject.”

MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur :—“ Is it a fact that many of them are below the age of ten ? ”

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—“ No, Sir.”

MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur :—“ Is it a fact that they were not allowed to be approached by any persons while they were in Madras and Malabar on their way to Andamans ? ”

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—“ I have no information on the subject.”

Mr. K. UPPI SAHIB :—“ With reference to the answer to clause (c), may I know whether the convicts sent to the Andamans have reached the islands ? ”

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—“ I suppose so, Sir.”

Mr. K. UPPI SAHIB :—“ Are they accommodated ?—have they houses to live in there ? ”